

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION**

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the nonprovisional patent application

For (Title): METHOD FOR PROVIDING A PRINT AND APPARATUS

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- ☒ Formal drawings (Figs. 1-16; 15 sheets) are attached.  
☐ Use Figure \_\_\_\_\_ for front page of Publication.  
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is filed herewith.  
☒ An assignment of the invention to NIKON CORPORATION, NIKON TECHNOLOGIES INC. is filed herewith.  
☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith.  
☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is filed herewith.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.--  
☒ Priority of foreign applications No. JP 2000-073424 filed March 16, 2000 in Japan, No. JP 2000-088337 filed March 28, 2000 in Japan are claimed (35 U.S.C. §119).  
☒ Certified copies of the above corresponding foreign applications are filed herewith.  
☐ This application is NOT to be published under 35 U.S.C. 112(b). The undersigned attorney or agent hereby certifies that the invention disclosed in this application has not been and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral international agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing.  
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INDEP CLAIMS	9 - 3	= 6*
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